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TO: Kentucky Workers' Compensation Stakeholders

FROM: Robert Walker, Commissioner

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RE: Re-opening of DWC Hearing Sites

Effective April 1, 2022, all DWC hearing sites will reopen for in-person Hearings and Mediations. However, any party, lawyer or participant shall have the option to attend any in-person hearing via Zoom. Mediations shall be conducted either inperson or via Zoom, but all parties are reminded of the requirement that all parties attend the mediation, unless the parties agree otherwise or the requirement is modified by order of the mediator. 803 KAR 25:300 Section 4 (7).

Benefit Review Conferences will continue to be scheduled telephonically on scheduling orders issued by the DWC; administrative law judges have the discretion to reschedule those to occur via Zoom.

